

**Town Meeting Coordinating Committee**  
**Minutes for Wednesday February 6, 2013, 3:00 – 5:00 pm**  
**Diana Romer Room, First Floor, Town Hall**

**Present:** Peggy Roberts, Mary Streeter, Alan Powell, Nonny Burack

**Absent:** Carol Gray, Patricia Holland and Melissa Perot

Peggy called the meeting to order at 3:35.

1. **Evaluation of Greening Amherst Forum** – Peggy summarized comments from evaluations, 18 were received, 5 from Town Meeting members. In general folks loved the first speaker, felt the forum was rushed, would have liked more time for questions, found it very informative, and liked the variety of speakers. Some would like more take-home information. Peggy received emails from two town planners saying they wished they had been consulted since the Master Plan was referenced. TMCC members commented that the Master Plan was only mentioned to show how this topic relates to Town Meeting and it was not the intent of the forum to discuss the Master Plan itself. The intent of the forum was to highlight what Amherst and other towns are doing about global warming. The publicity for the forum was excellent and there was a large audience for the forum, many from the Transition Town organization.
2. **Annual Town Meeting Check List** – Peggy distributed copies so we are aware of important TM related dates.
3. **Planning Ahead**
  - **Town Election** – Peggy and Mary will meet with Sandra Burgess and LWV representatives on Feb.11 to discuss sharing the list of candidates and Election Results
  - **Understanding Zoning** – Alan scanned the older paper version of the zoning Primer but due to a computer malfunction it is not yet available. Once we have editable copies of previous Zoning Primers to offer them, we will set up a meeting with the Chairs of the Planning Board and the Zoning Subcommittee to discuss how to educate TM members about upcoming zoning as well as zoning in general. This might be followed with a zoning forum in the fall.
  - **Preparations for Annual Town Meeting Events** –  
Precinct Meetings are partially planned. Nonny confirmed that the Precinct 1 & 3 meeting would be held in the Connector Lounge of the Lutheran Church. No forum is currently planned at this time. We hope the Planning Board will hold a question and answer session about upcoming zoning.
4. **TMCC Website /Listserv Material** – Mary will post a link to the video of the Greening Amherst Forum on the website. She sent out a list of important upcoming dates on the listserv.
5. **Next meeting:** Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00pm
6. **Minutes**

Mary moved, Nonny seconded to approve the Minutes of Dec. 12, 2012 as amended. Voted 4-0.  
Alan moved, Nonny seconded to approve the Minutes of Jan. 2, 2013 as amended. Voted 4-0.  
Mary moved, Nonny seconded to approve the Minutes of Jan. 23, 2013. Voted unanimously 4-0.

**Documents distributed:**

Agenda  
Notice of Annual Town Meeting Deadlines, Town Website 1/29/13, 1 page  
FY2014 Annual Town Meeting Checklist, 1 page  
Minutes of Jan. 2, 2013, 2 pages  
Minutes of Jan. 23, 2013, 2 pages

The meeting adjourned at 4:52

Mary Streeter, recorder for Pat Holland

Approved on March 15, 2013